TYPES OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS

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Psychological Tests

A particular psychological test is developed for the assessment of a particular psychological attribute of the persons being tested. It can't be used for carrying out the assessment of the persons with regard to other psychological attributes. In general, the psychological tests so developed may be classified into the categories mentioned here.

1. Achievement Tests

Used in assessing what a person has achieved, acquired or learnt.

2. Personality Tests

Used in assessing personal qualities or characteristics referred to as personality traits.

3. Aptitude Tests

Used in assessing different aptitudes capable of predicting one's success in the area of the particular aptitude such as mechanical, numerical, clerical, closure etc.

4. Interest test

Used in the assessment of the varying interests possessed by an individual such as interest in gardening, literary interest, interest in social work etc.

5. Attitude Tests

Used in assessing the attitude of the persons towards a thing, an idea, a person, philosophy, custom, tradition, etc.

6. Intelligence Tests

Used in assessing the intelligence or level of cognitive functioning of the individuals.

7. Emotional Intelligence Tests

Used in assessing the level of emotional intelligence possessed by the individuals.

8. Mood and Motivation Tests

Used in assessing the nature of the mood and motivational levels of the individuals.

9. Adjustment Inventories or Tests

Used in assessing the level of one's adjustment towards self and environment.

10. Neuropsychological Tests

Used in assessing deficits in cognitive functioning (i.e. ability to think, speak, reason, etc.) that may result from some sort of brain damage such as stroke or brain injury.

11. Specific Clinical tests

Used to assess specific matters of clinical concerns such as level of anxiety, depression, mental retardation, emotional disturbance, etc.

Other Types of tests

Tests may be classified by

1. **administrative conditions (Individual and Group Tests)**
2. **Scoring criteria (Objective and subjective)**
3. **Response limitations (Power and Speed)**
4. **Content (Verbal and Nonverbal)**
5. **Response mode (Performance and Pencil-Paper tests)**
6. **Purposes (Sample and Sign)**
7. **Extent of standardization (Teacher-made and Standardized Tests)**

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